Washington, DC - Following a Wednesday, March 18, 2009 AP story reporting that Fannie Mae is planning to pay retention bonuses of as much as $611,000 each to several top executives of the government-controlled mortgage finance titan, Congressman John Barrow (GA-12) released this statement:

"Once again, a corporation is coming to Congress with its hat in hand while at the same time rewarding the executives that got them into trouble in the first place. These people have no shame. It's outrageous for them to ask the American taxpayer to foot the bill for these bonuses, and I refuse to go along with it.

Folks are working too hard putting food on the table to pay for the lifestyles of the rich and infamous."

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